PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GERMAN EVANGELICAL

LUTHERAN SYNOD

OF

PENNSYLVANIA.

HELD AT READING, IN TRINITY WEEK,

1828.

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The President having deemed it advisable, to revoke the resolution of last year's Synod, fixing on Baltimore, as the place of meeting, communicated the motives which had induced him to take this step to the Synod, which were approved. In Reading, therefore, the ministers of the Pennsylvania Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and the deputies of their respective congregations met on the 1st of June, 1828, being the feast of the Holy Trinity.

Dr. Schæffer, Senior of the Ministerium preached in the Lutheran church, from 2 Cor. 4, 5, in the forenoon; Pastor Hecht, Secretary, from Matth. 11. 28, 29, in the afternoon; and Dr. Wackerhagen from Rom. 8. 9, in the evening. In the german Reformed Church, Pastor Probst, preached in the forenoon. On the preceding Saturday evening Pastor Wartman preached from Titus 1. 1, 2.

MONDAY, the 2d of June.

In the forenoon at 9 o'clock.

The Ministers and Deputies from the different congregations met in the Lutheran church. The President opened the session with singing & praying.

The following ministers were present, to wit:

Rev'd	Doctor	Schæffer,	from Philadelphia
	Pastor	Yeager,	- Allentown
	Doctor	Muhlenberg,	- Reading
	Pastor	Rœller,	- Old Goshenhoppen
	-	Hecht,	- Easton
	-	J. Miller,	- New Hanover
	-	Ulrich,	- Tulpehocken
	-	Ernst,	- Lebanon
	-	Batis,	- Warwick
	-	Becker,	- Lancaster
	-	Hemping,	- Lykens Valley
	-	Filbert,	- Forrest
	-	Probst,	- Forks tsp.
	-	Wartman,	- Whitehall
	-	Heim,	- Northumberland
	-	Trumbauer,	- Laycock
	-	C. Miller,	- Oley
	-	Repas,	-
	-	German,	- Maccungie
	-	Waltz,	- Hamburg
	-	Stein,	- Jonestown
	-	G. Yeager,	- Jacksonville
	-	Lochman,	- Harrisburg
	-	G. Heilig,	- Centre Square
	-	F. Rothrauf,	- Maytown
Candidate		Speck,	- Elizabethtown
	-	Abele,	- Aaronsburg
	-	Waage,	- Milton
	-	Scheurer,	- Hummeltown
	-	J. W. Reichert,	- New Holland
	-	Bahl,	- Wilkesbarre

Candidate	Ph. Miller,	from	Belmont
-	Wampole,	-	Trap
-	Kemmer,	-	Richland
-	Jos. Yeager,	-	
-	Gross,	-	
-	Binninger,	-	

The following gentlemen were absent, viz.

Rev'd Pastor	Carpenter	Rev. Pas.	Geissenhainer jr.
Doctor	Geissenhainer	-	Kessler
Pastor	Knoske	-	Demme
-	Van Hof	-	Weiand
-	Meendsen	-	Ulrich
-	Shindle	Candidate	Beilharz
-	Deringer	-	H. S. Miller
-	J. Strein	-	G. Eister
-	Mennig	-	J. Martin
-	Ruppert		

The following gentlemen produced their credentials, and took their seats as votable deputies of congregations, viz.

Mr.	Henry Boyer	from	Reading
	Isaac Cressman		Old Goshenhoppen
	Michael Roseberry		Easton
	Christian Schœner		New Hanover
	Leonard Illig		Tulpehocken
	Christian Ley		Lebanon
	Isaac Erb		Warwick
	G. L. Meyer		Lancaster
	Henry Werth		Lykens Valley
	George Vogt		Forrest
	Jacob Dietrich		Forks tsp.
	Jonas Probst		Whitehall
	Jacob Renninger		Laycock
	Jacob Spang		Oley
	John Schenck		Hamburg
	George Gruber		Windsor
	Michael Keller		Harrisburg
	Henry Noll		Elizabethtown
	John Rinker		Hummeltown

Mr. Andrew Fleischer	from	New Holland
John Haag		Belmont
Fred. Heckel		Trap
John Nece		Richland

Dr. Wackerhagen appeared as deputy of the Reverend Synod of New York, and Pastor Albert as deputy of the West Pennsylvania Synod, they were accepted as deliberating and votable members:— the former signified his regret that the proceedings of their Synod had been delayed and promised to enquire about and forward them as soon as possible.

Thus the Synod consisted of 62 members.

Hereupon an election was held for officers for the present year, and after counting all the votes, it appeared that Rev'd Pastor *Jacob Miller* was elected President, Rev'd Pastor *John P. Hecht*, Secretary and Rev'd Pastor *Becker*, Treasurer.

The different writings directed to the synod, were now on the President's call handed in, numbered and referred to three committees, to examine their contents and make report thereon.

The *first* committee consisted of Messrs Filbert, Rœller, Waage, Boyer and Cressman.

The *second* committee of Messrs Ulrich, Bates, J. W. Reichert, Roseberry and Schœner.

The *third* of Messrs Becker, Hemping, Bahl, Illig and Lay.

Hereupon the minutes of last year's meeting were read.

Messrs Probst, Wartman and G. L. Mayer were appointed a committee to examine the accounts of the treasurer, for the last year.

Three committees were appointed to examine the proceedings of the different synods, and make report thereon, viz:

Dr. Wackerhagen and Mr. Spang on the proceedings of the North Carolina synod;

Pastor C. Miller and Doctor Fr. Heckel on those of the Ohio synod, and

Doctor Schæffer and Mr. Werth on those of the West Pennsylvania synod.

On motion *Resolved*, That three copies of the proceedings of last year's synod be forwarded to the Rev'd Pastor Carpenter.

At the request of Rev'd Pastor Scheurer, his deputy was excused from further attendance

On motion *Resolved*, That the synod deeply deplore the loss which the church has sustained by the death of the Rev'd Doctor *Endress*, as likewise the premature demise of our brother Pastor *Strein*, and that we will continually keep them in fond remembrance.

The session closed with prayer.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock.

The session was opened with singing & prayer.

Pastor Hendel being introduced, notified that Pastor A. Helfenstein and —— had been appointed by the Reformed Synod to appear as their deputies at this synod, but that they had been prevented from discharging that duty, by the change which had taken place in respect of the place of meeting.

The *first* committee made report as follows:

No. 1. Is the daybook, a sermon and a letter from Mr. Beilharz, in which he communicates a return of the baptised, communicants and schools in his congregations, and requests to be excussed for his non-attendance, and to have his license renewed, and a few copies of last year's proceedings forwarded to him.— He also recommends Niagara county, as a country, in which some fine congregations might be collected. The renewal of his li-

cense was postponed until the meeting of the Ministerium.

No. 2. Are two letters concerning Mr. Repas—about which your committee do not wish to make a report, unless more light should be spread before them, concerning the subject matter thereof.

No. 3. Contains good testimonials for Mr. Binninger, undersigned by the vestry of his five congregations.

No. 4. Is likewise favourable testimonials from the Campbelltown and Mountain congregations, for their teacher Mr. John Speck, subscribed by the vestry of said congregations.

The synod is rejoiced at these testimonials.

The *second* committee reported as follows:

No. 5. Contains a friendly invitation from Rœhrersburg and its vicinity, to the Rev'd Synod, to hold their next meeting at that place.

Postponed.

No. 6. An excuse from Mr. Meendsen, for his non-attendance at this synod, accompanied by a report of his official labors during the past year, and wishing us the blessings of God.

No. 7. A letter from Brush Valley, referring to a dissatisfaction of several members of that congregation, with their preacher Mr. Abele.

After a satisfactory explanation by Mr. Abele, it was on motion of Mr. L. Meyer

Resolved, That this letter or complaint be passed over with silence.

The *third* committee made report, as follows:

No. 8. A letter from Pastor Keller, in which he notifies the synod that he has accepted a call of the congregation at Germantown, and intends to connect himself with this synod.—He requests, to excuse his absence this year,

which is occasioned by a necessary journey to Gettysburg, from which he just returned.

Resolved, That the synod perceives Mr. Keller's wish with pleasure, and gr nts the same.

No. 9. A request from the congregations in Pennsborough and Quosburg, to be permitted to keep Mr. Repas, whom they have engaged as their preacher, they being perfectly satisfied with his conduct.

After due consideration it was

Resolved, That the brethren, who it would seem came in collision, be advised to compromise the matter between themselves, and pay strict regard to our ordinances.

No. 10. A letter from Mr. John Oyster, in which the synod is informed that Mr. Shitz officiates in the congregations of Whitedeer, Blackhole, St. John and Paradise; with a request that the synod might examine and license him, inasmuch as they are well contented with him and resolved not to receive any other minister.

On motion,

Resolved, That the request concerning Mr. Shitz can not be granted, because neither the congregations nor Mr. Shitz seem disposed to listen to the advice of this synod.

A letter from Mr. Eister gives notice that he has changed his place of residence and requests to be dismissed.

The request was granted.

Letters from Christ congregation declare, that they do not want Mr. J. G. Eister as their minister, and desire to have permission of synod to engage Mr. Binninger as such.

Request granted.

The Committee which was appointed to examine

the proceedings of the synod of North Carolina, in regard to such matters as may have reference to our synod, reports:

That they have observed with pleasure, that a resolution was adopted, to forward us ten copies of the printed minutes of the proceedings of their synod, held at that time.

The Committee appointed to examine the proceedings of the Ohio Synod report:

That they have carefully examined the same, and found nothing which has the least reference to our synod, except that they have appropriated twenty-five copies of their minutes for the use of this body.

On motion,

Resolved, That we thankfully acknowledge the receipt of the aforesaid copies of the minutes of the North Carolina and Ohio Synods, and that the secretary be directed to forward an equal number of our printed proceedings to those synods.

The committee appointed to examine the proceedings of the West Pennsylvania Synod, reports:

That our delegates attended that synod.

That a resolution was passed by said synod respecting Streit's and Ruedelheim's legacies.

Resolved, That the case of Frey's legacy (adverted to in the report) be passed over at this time.

Resolved, That we thankfully acknowledge the receipt of the copies containing their proceedings, and that a similar number of ours be transmitted to them.

Hereupon delegates were appointed to other synods as follows, viz.

Pastor *J. Miller* to the synod of New York.

Pastors *Becker* and *Probst* to the West Pennsylvania synod.

Pastors *Shindle* and *Heim* to the Reformed synod.

The session was closed with prayer.

In the evening Pastor Ernst preached in the english language from 1 Tim. 2, 4.

TUESDAY MORNING, at 9 o'clock.

Prayer.

A letter was received from Pastor Weiandt, requesting to be excused on account of his non-attendance.

Granted.

A letter from Pastor Shindle was received, stating reasons, which he deemed sufficient for his non-attendance at this synod and transmits five dollars as contribution to the synodal fund.

His excuse was deemed unsatisfactory.

A letter from the Lewisburg congregation, requesting that Mr. Speck may be continued as their minister.

Granted.

Another letter from the Deep Creek congregation, in which Mr. Eister is excused, and a wish communicated that he may be continued as their minister.

A committee was now appointed concerning the legacies consisting of Doctor *Muhlenberg*, Pastors *J. Miller*, *J. Becker*, and *J. P. Hecht*.

The committee appointed, to examine the Treasurer's account, reports:

That they have examined the same and find it correct, leaving a balance of $752 29 cents in the hands of the treasurer. The receipts of last year amouuting, inclusive of the balance at the settlemen tof last year, to $972 95 cents, and the expen-

ditures since that time, for ministers, widows of ministers in distress and other contingencies to $220 66 cents.

Approved.

The committee appointed to examine the proceedings of the Rev'd Reformed Synod, reports:

That they have found nothing in those proceedings which would require a particular deliberation from this synod, and that the former friendly and brotherly relation between the two reverend synods happily continues. With respect to the non-attendance of Dr. Endress, who was appointed to represent us in the Rev'd German Reformed Synod, we have nothing to remark, because his appearance in the same was impossible.

On motion

Resolved, That 500 copies of our proceedings be printed in the german & 150 copies of the same in the english language.

Resolved, That ten dollars be handed to every clergyman's widow in distress, out of the funds of the synod.

Invitations respecting the next meeting of the synod were received either in writing or verbally from Wummelsdorf, Roehrersburg, Lancaster and Middletown.

The votes being taken it appeared that Lancaster was fixed upon as the place and *Trinity feast*, the time of our next meeting.

Resolved, That we acknowledge with cordial thanks the peculiar friendship which the Reading congregation has demonstrated towards us, by their affectionate reception and kind treatment during our stay at this place.

A devout prayer by our Reverend Senior, closed this session, and with the same the present meeting of the synod.

Parochial Returns, &c.

Made this year by the Ministers of this Association.

Ministers Names.	Cong.	Bapt.	Conf.	Comm.	Deaths.	Sch.
Rev. Dr. Schaeffer	—	287	33	897	103	3
Pastor Carpenter	—	—	—	—	—	—
- Yeager	4	117	82	570	47	12
Doctor Geissenhainer		—	—	—	—	—
- Muhlenberg	4	156	107	770	38	8
Pastor Rœller	3	107	92	524	33	3
- Knoske	—	—	—	—	—	—
- Hecht	2	104	51	327	11	1
- J. Miller	4	126	65	860	30	4
- Ulrich	7	140	71	1060	41	7
- Van Hoff	—	—	—	—	—	—
- Ernst	5	159	106	761	44	5
- Batis	4	136	64	520	21	4
- Meendsen	—	149	53	606	34	2
- Becker	1	77	30	250	30	1
- Hemping	7	238	73	855	35	4
- Schindel	—	—	—	—	—	—
- Filbert	3	41	40	198	16	2
- Probst	4	213	—	587	21	2
- Doering & - Wartman	7	160	105	1028	37	7
- J. Strein	—	—	—	—	—	—
- Heim	7	205	86	660	55	7
- Mennig	—	—	—	—	—	—
- Rupert	—	—	—	—	—	—
- Geissenhainer Jr.		—	—	—	—	—
- Trumbauer	5	64	12	210	29	5
- C. Miller	7	172	104	1124	47	9
- Repas	4	54	20	56	10	2
- Kessler	—	—	—	—	—	—
- German	4	106	33	816	30	4
- Demme	—	—	—	—	—	—
- Weiandt	—	—	—	—	—	—
- Waltz	—	—	—	—	—	—
- Ulhorn	—	—	—	—	—	—
- Stein	7	105	76	633	40	6

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- H. Lochman	3	45	125	450	26	
- G. Heilig	2	65	31	283	21	
- Fr. Rothrauf	2	17	38	160	8	
Candida. Speck for 2 y.	4	217	111	738	46	
- Abele	5	166	51	716	32	
- Waage	—	—	—	—	—	
- Scheurer	3	52	48	260	25	
- Beilharz	—	—	—	—	—	
- G. Eister	—	—	—	—	—	
- H. S. Miller	4	72	44	308	25	
- J. W. Reichert	4	95	9	266	28	
- J. Bahl	4	36	—	50	12	
- P. Miller	4	30	39	161	10	
- J. Martin	—	—	—	—	—	
- W. Kemmer	3	75	15	190	15	
- Jos. Yeager	—	—	—	—	—	
- Gross	—	—	—	—	—	
- Binninger	5	115	27	170	24	

Names of the Clergymen,

Who either personally or by their Deputies paid mo ney into the Treasury of the Synod.

Rev. Pas. Yeager	$ 5 00	Rev. Pas. C Miller	$ 5 00
- Rœller	3 00	- German	14 05
- Hecht	8 00	- Stein	3 00
- J. Miller	3 00	- Lochman	10 00
- Ernst	9 50	- Rothrauf	4 00
- Batis	3 50	Candida. Speck	7 00
- Becker	15 00	- Abele	9 18
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- Shindel	5 00	- H.S. Miller	4 00
- Probst	8 19	- J. W. Rei- chert	10 50
- Wartman	5 00	- J. Wampole	8 00
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- Trumbauer	8 28		

MINISTERIAL MEETING.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, at ½ past 2 o'clock.

For examination and reception in the Ministerium were Messrs. Andr. G. Deininger and Daniel Heilig applicants.

Rev'd Senior Dr. Schaeffer, Doctor Wackerhagen, Pastor Ernst and Pastor Filbert were directed to examine the above named applicants.

In true brotherly love it was resolved that an earnest admonition be given to our beloved, but imprudent brother Speck. by our reverend Senior, accompanied with the painful intimation, that most probably the same will not be repeated.

This was done accordingly.

Pastor Becker moved that an ordination take place.

Which was agreed to, and the following candidates were selected to be ordained, viz. *Abele, Waage, Scheurer, J. W. Reichert* and *Bahl*

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Gross's—german sermon—good.
The same's—english do — pretty good as to the spirit.
The same's Journal—partly good, partly mediocriter.
Yeager's—very good.
Binninger's—mediocriter.

Twenty dollars were appropriated out of the synodical funds to Brother Scriba, on account of his poverty.

The reverend gentlemen who were appointed to examine the above named applicants, report, that they can be recommended to the Ministerium, and that candidates licenses may be granted to them.

On motion.

Resolved, That licenses be granted to Messrs. Deininger and Heilig, as soon as they shall have received a call, and the latter particularly from congregations within our district.

This evening Pastor J. Yeager preached from 1 Tim. 4. 12, 16.

Unto Thee eternal Father our praises are due.—With reverence and filial joy we recollect the privileges we have enjoyed, and the relation in which we stand to Thee as pupils and followers of thy Son—we glory in his name;—may his Spirit—the spirit of truth—continue to be our spirit—and become the spirit of Thy whole Church on earth! Amen.

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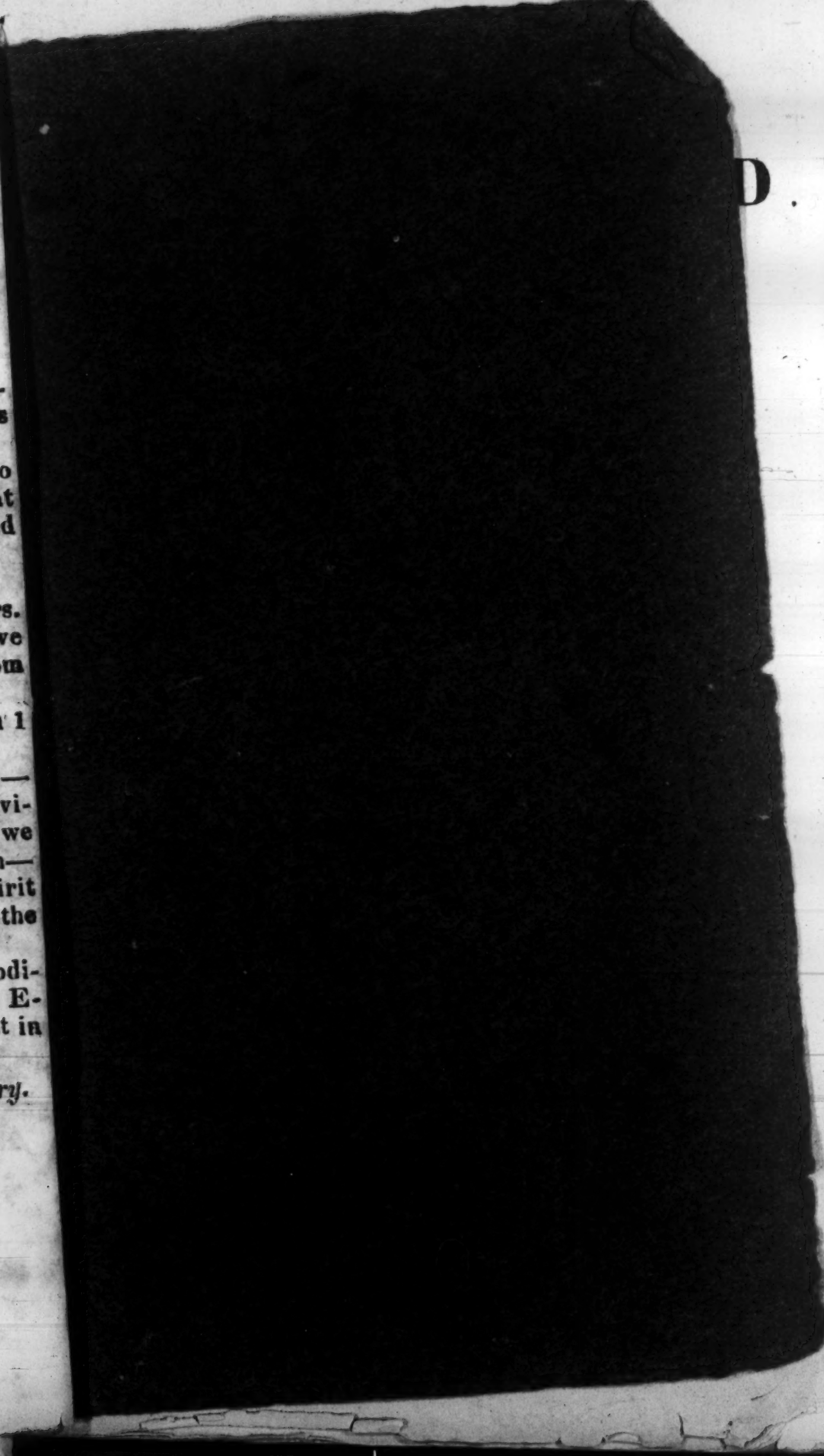
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